

What could YOU do with extra funding? Here are a few suggestions for how the TANF ECF grants can be used to expand your program and increase the number of Wisconsin children who receive meals over the summer:



Extend days of service

Hunger does not stop in-between the end of the school year and the start of summer school. Apply for grant funds to serve meals throughout the **entire** summer.

Add meals to your service

Children at risk of hunger need **breakfast, lunch, and supper** all summer long.



Activities and Entertainment

Add fun activities to your programming or bring in entertaining guests to speak to the kids over their meal hour. Nutritious meals and fun activities will keep children coming back to your site all summer long!



Provide transportation. Access to meal sites can be extremely difficult for children in rural areas. Use grant money to hire a bus driver or pay for fuel to transport kids to feeding sites in your community! Or, use funds to supplement the cost of public transportation to bring children to and from feeding sites. Funds can also be used to bring meals from the sponsor/kitchen to each site.

Add staff. Use funds to hire kitchen staff or to employ adults to supervise sites. Or, hire staff knowledgeable in the culture and language of special targeted populations to make serving special populations easier!

Other ways to improve your site without extra funding:

❖ **Enlist Volunteers!** Ask parents and community members to help run and supervise sites. There are many people looking to volunteer and you might be surprised by how easy it is to find help. Just ask!

❖ **Get the Word Out!** Use community groups to spread the word about your site and meal times. Children won't come if they do not know about your program!

❖ **Get Together!** Partner with other organizations interested in the wellness of your community. Work together to reduce costs and improve service!

